

HOUSE BILL 3353

By Bass

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to postsecondary
financial assistance from net lottery proceeds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-4-9__.

(a) To be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship, a student enrolled in a
federally-funded Upward Bound program shall:

(1) Not be ineligible for a scholarship under § 49-4-904;

(2) Meet the requirements of § 49-4-905;

(3) Successfully complete four (4) years in a federally-funded Upward
Bound program for high school students from low-income families or families in
which neither parent holds a baccalaureate degree; and

(4) Be admitted to and enroll in an eligible postsecondary institution no
later than sixteen (16) months after graduating from a high school located in
Tennessee, completing high school in a Tennessee home school program or
obtaining a GED.

(b) Notwithstanding provisions of § 49-4-911 to the contrary, to continue to
receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship under this section, a student shall meet all
nonacademic eligibility requirements for the scholarship and shall achieve a cumulative
grade point average of at least 2.25 at any time at which eligibility is reviewed under §
49-4-911.

(c) A student eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship under this section shall also be eligible for an ASPIRE award, if the student meets the requirements of § 49-4-915(a).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to students seeking postsecondary financial assistance from net lottery proceeds for the 2008-2009 academic year and academic years thereafter.